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Notes: Lenten Address: Luke 23:24, 1942

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TEXT

Luke 23, 34

THEME

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Radio
LeagueUS West
Hutchinson
in 1942
Aug. 2

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1. One of the strange, mysterious things about modern Christianity - between ^{next very long} tonight + Easter Sunday - crowds - look more closely - three groups -

a) Those who will be there in July + August - ^{Saints}

b) Those by custom + tradition - don't mean much - faith of their childhood -

c) Those who are somehow haunted by the gallant figure of the lonely Sufferer - vague, uneasy feeling that he knew something which life and time have ^{lost} ^{condemning} -

2. ^{Common} ^{purpose} - ^{Take you} ^{away} - a relentless strength - a hope - a dream -

fascination - it is the one universal, inevitable experience - further: we can learn how to live - by practice - each experience, happy or tragic, will, if we are wise -

teach us something about the next - but, for the supreme experience of Death, life furnishes no transcendence - we can learn only by waiting to the last door with someone else - listening to their last words - carrying them in remembering hearts for the day - when we join the majority - wise + silent

3. We have come to see a man die - even humbly ^{Power} ^{Spreading a great figure} - changed the course of history - His dying words enormously important - even turn the space there to man - there to God - one to Himself -

4. First word - totally unexpected - nothing about Himself - ^{Tragedy} ^{of man} ^{up} ^{you} ^{the} ^{feet} ^{under} ^{the} ^{crown} ^{of} ^{thorns} - the years become the accompaniment + the crowd is transformed into the human race - the world ^{becomes} a dying man point to the reason for death: "Father,

Stranger - politics

Maud
MaudsleyCome here -
strange terrible
FundamentalsDeath -
Blood bath
deathFrancis
Shakespeare
GothicGothic
Francis
Shakespeareno very
of pain

1. Personal
Memoranda
2. Gadi way
Peter.
Paul.

TEXT

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Words like this

gave
a look

stepping
standing
back

5. No sudden thought without background, without cause - it began far back beyond the contours - in the quiet unbroken ~~center~~ of eternity where there was only God - the vision of the cross against the darkened sky and the far silhouette of those torn & tireless arms - the garden in the cool of the day - prophets & kings - then the quiet night - stable - our Christ "born of the Virgin Mary" - sorrow - Friday noon - a crowd poured out of the Damascus gate - now God could do no

all the
blues
show

6. That first word - for all our yesterdays & all our Tommorrow - not only for those standing there - echoed back - picked up all the years & rolled them up to heaven - here they are

Unpopular
St. Augustine

7. Sin! ^{But it's} Deal with it! We can do some things about it - sorry - regret it - wrap our it - effort to make reparation - but one thing we cannot do - forgive it - someone has to go the long rest of the way - a voice from the Cross - from the long silence of eternity - over the noise of ^{noise} ~~noises~~ of today - "Father"

how terrible
we have
one another
without saying
it -

8. "For they know not" ^{what is wrong with the world?} moral stupidity - Stupidity of the mind - stupidity of the soul - nothing in the world is more terribly fatal - Who crucified Christ? men too blind to see who He was - too dull to hear His truth - too stupid to care about goodness & holiness & truth - Bring it down - How often! "If I had only known" - careless word - turning away from a friend - momentary anger or passion - "If I had only known" - moral exasperation

9. And yet - ^{no wonder} the tremendous thing about this prayer - just this moral stupidity our Lord ~~uses~~ ^{uses} as the basis for His plea for forgiveness - "they ^{was} ~~know~~ not" - they think they are wise, intelligent, shrewd - they are children - men but children - they do not know what their deeds

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ends in ashes
of burnt-out fire
the gay dust of
shame

March 25, 1942

let it be said
tonight

they haven't the imagination - they haven't the moral
insight - Forgive them - Sin is always unintelligent,
stupid, foolish - ashes of burnt-out fire - grey dust of shame

10. All this no faraway story - the forgiveness of the Cross -
we have brought ^{an carrying memories tonight} memories into this church - memories
that burn - things we should like to forget - I can give
you that - then can be a drying of your tears -
ruling from the tearing pain in your heart: return to
heaven & hope. "Father, forgive them" children crying

is the right - stupid, wild, wrong - but still children - will try to do better - suddenly He is high & lifted up -

11. Second lesson: Every day: "Forgive us our trespasss, as we
no amount of twisting & turning can get away from this: -
we are asking for forgiveness in the measure in
which we are ready to forgive - no more, no less -
[responsibility] "I can forgive, but I cannot forget".

God has forgotten - buried - so we - our time is so
short & our way together so brief - no sense in
staggering toward eternity under the burden of grudges,
& hurts, & jealousy & hate - "Forgive us - as we forgive -"

12. God's way of doing things - the way of incredible
power - a love that will not let go - beats all things -
finally you can't beat that - ^{the way} often slow & roundabout -

hit back - revenge - old legend - Peter ^{we know} impatient
with the divine way - the way of forgiveness &
love & ^{Gentleness} gentleness & ^{but way} humility - always up - beyond
the flaming reproaches of our world - to the world
where there will be no need of forgiveness & where
we shall finally know ^{by this grace} what we are doing - &
that the ultimate power lies not

Here we
are again

Guilt

Power

1. Peter
2. Pilate

"God

For